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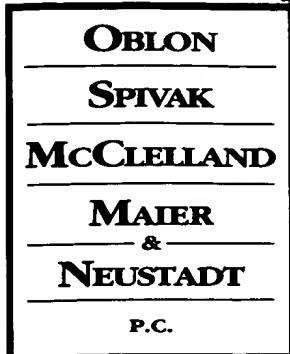
Prior to an action on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

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Please insert the following paragraph between lines 3 and 4:

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH

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The present invention was made in part with U.S. Government support as a subcontractor with Lawrence Livermore National Lab (LLNL) under contract to DOE. The LLNL contract number is "Prime Contract No. W-7405 ENG 48" and the subcontractor contract number is B347785. The U.S. Government has certain rights in the invention.



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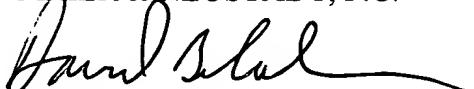
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Our check in the amount of \$ -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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